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World cry for justice: 'Free Mumia'

By Jean H. Pierre
 Staff Writer

PHILADELPHIA — It's been said that the way to make change in society is through protest. The Civil Rights Movement did it. Union workers, teachers, and law enforcement officers did it. The same holds true for political prisoners like Mumia Abu-Jamal, as thousands upon thousands gathered April 24 (his birthday) at City Hall in Philadelphia to demand a retrial and stop the execution of the former Black Panther.

The rally brought out support from as far as Eastern Europe to protest the miscarriage of justice that the former radical journalist received in 1982. "This is the time to have the world's attention on this case," said Jean Louis Renee, a French journalist who flew overnight to be in attendance. "I've followed this case since 1980, and I tell you, you can see a lot of loopholes in this case. The witnesses and police story doesn't add up."

Jamal, also known as Wes Cook, was shot by a Philadelphia cop when he intervened a street incident between the police and his brother in December of 1981. During the struggle, Officer Daniel Faulkner was shot and killed. In 1982, Jamal was charged and sentenced to die for the death of Faulkner, but to this day eyewitnesses have admitted that their testimony was suppressed by vengeful prosecutors and police.

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Mumia Abu-Jamal's son Mazia, speaks to the crowd about his father during the rally. Below a young child marches along with thousands in attendance, while Ron Daniels (right) of the Center for Constitutional Rights fires up the crowd.



Plainfield youth parade through town

By Lucy Sanchez
 Staff Writer

PLAINFIELD — Hundreds of excited, little feet marched through the streets of Plainfield on April 21 to celebrate their month - The Month of the Child. The smiling faces gathered in front of City Hall proudly holding their daycare banners as they walked and sang childhood tunes for the 12th annual parade. Upon reaching their final destination at Park Madison, the children were greeted by Mayor Al McWilliams.

The celebration of New Jersey's future assembled on the grass and watched their peers perform dance routines, songs and read. After Mariah Felton from Starbright Christian Learning Center lead the group in prayer, Sunrise Christian Daycare Center students helped Mayor McWilliams present award plaques. Brian Doyle and Sean LaGrande each read "big words like resolution" and "excellence" with as much enthusiasm and spirit as five-year-olds could have.

Executive director, Deborah Pearyer of Toddler Learning Center, has participated in the parade for several years now. "I think it's one of the greatest things the City of Plainfield has," stated Pearyer who has been in the childcare education business for 17 years. Pearyer hoped the City would sense the urgency to develop recreational programs for the youth when they reach their teenage years to steer them away from the wrong path in life.

Wrapped in flags from Puerto Rico, El Salvador, Columbia and the Dominican Republic to name a few, the children of the Plainfield Bilingual Daycare Center proudly displayed their cultural heritage. Director Eva J. Rosas-Amirault stated "The importance is that we acknowledge the contribution of the youth and the need of the childcare community." The faithful, 12 year parade participant attributed the growing need of childcare centers with the increasing number of women in the workforce.

The children partnered with their caring supervisors definitely made a statement to all who attended the joyous parade, and that is "We truly do take a village to raise a child." Mayor McWilliams presented all the participating daycare centers with proclamations for their job of excellence in the City of Plainfield and with the future of Plainfield.



YMCA members, top, sing as they march from City Hall. Students from the SYSC Headstart program, bottom right, hold hands along the way to Park Madison.

Attorney General Verniero a no-show, again

By Carl Chase
 Staff Writer

CAMDEN COUNTY COLLEGE, GLOUCESTER—New Jersey's black and Hispanic state legislators are steamed over Attorney General Peter Verniero's repeated absence at a series of hearings on targeting of racial groups by police throughout the state.

"I think his inability to come and appear before our elected African-American and Latino leaders shows he has a closed mind to our community," said state Sen. Wayne Bryant, a member of the state Legislative Black and Latino Caucus, which sponsored the series of three public hearings.

"His utter disregard for the leadership elected by the African Americans and Latinos of this state shows a closed mind to our community," he said at the April 27 hearing.

Verniero had confirmed on April 23 that he would attend the final hearing at the college, but caucus spokesmen said About 5:30 p.m. the day before, Verniero's assistant called to cancel, saying it was her error and that Verniero hadn't meant to accept, Bryant said. Verniero's office did answer a phone call seeking comment by press time.

It was the last of three hearings that

revealed the effects of profiling on ordinary people and put a human face on what had appeared as merely dry statistics.

Previously, Verniero had declined the Caucus's invitations, saying his comments would be constrained because his department's interim report on racial profiling had not yet been released. Once the report was issued, the caucus renewed its invitation.

Various experts, activists and ordinary citizens testified at the hearings. The caucus had also invited people who called its roughly month-old toll-free hotline (877-220-6300). They related their experiences with racial profiling by police in New Jersey.

One witness after another told of profiling, racism or a lack of checks and balances that would thwart racist practices in most any other police organization. Attorney Benet Steinhausen, who represents 13 current Troopers who are using the police division, said since there is no promotion system Troopers are easily punished for not going along with profiling. "The State Police promotional procedure is probably the most subjective promotional system I have ever seen."

She said the attorney general is responsible for the State Police and the governor is ultimately responsible for his office. At the prior



Lawrence Hamm leaves the stage after testifying week's hearing in Newark. People's Organization for Progress founder Larry Hamm had testified that law enforcement has built up such excess power the problem of policing them requires effective new checks and balances.

"They are the most powerful of any country in the world," he said, calling for civilian police review boards with subpoena power.

Police brutality or natural death?

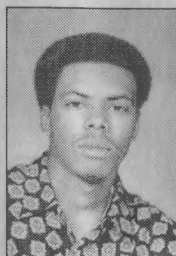
Maisha Johnson
 Contributing Writer

ORANGE — "Power to the People," chanted the crowd that rallied in front of the Orange Police station Wednesday, April 22. They were gathered in support of Earl Faison, one of the three black males arrested as the police searched for the murder of Orange police officer, Joyce Carnegie. Authorities say Faison collapsed while in police custody and later died on April 11 in Orange Memorial Hospital. The cause of death is still under investigation.

The vigil was called by the People's Organization for Progress (POP) and was held as an action to stop police brutality. The group's main goal is for all people of conscience to stand up for justice. In attendance were political activists, Amiri Baraka, his wife Amina Baraka, Brother Anthony Mack of the Hip Hop Generation Movement of Change, and many other supporters of the Faison family.

"It's on. It's on. It's on. It's on," remarked Rodger Mitchell a 24-year old UMMD medical student who appeared to be fed up with the recurring number of police brutality incidents. As he looked directly into the eyes of his peers he challenged African-American brothers and sisters to speak out against racial profiling. "Young brothers and sisters are dying all over the country for us," Mitchell concluded, we have to stand together and making sure the deaths of these young people are not going unnoticed.

Through watery eyes Saghir Williams, Faison's step-mother questioned the death of her step-son. She wanted to know how her 27-year-old stepson could have been mistaken for the suspect in the shooting of Orange Police officer Joyce Carnegie. "Why was he taken into custody for the shooting, if he looked nothing like the sketch?" questioned Williams. She asked support of everyone who was willing to help. "Do it for your boy, do it for Faison, do it for my son," pleaded



Earl Faison ed Williams.

Katria Faison, the eldest sister could only manage to say, "Why? Why my best friend? Why, my brother?"

Taj Faison, the youngest of the sisters pleaded that her peers and supporters be strong. "We have to stick together. We must be stronger now than we have ever been before," proclaimed Taj Faison.

"We have found ourselves and it's time to fight," exclaimed Amina Baraka. She encouraged those who looked on to continue to speak out against racial injustices. Baraka stressed how important it was to be involved in the community, "unity" is the key she said. In union with those who were gathered at the demonstration, she led the police singing. "This little light of mine I'm gonna let I shine I'm gonna let it shine."

The Faison family asked everyone to help in anyway they could to stop police brutality and bring justice to the death of Earl Faison. They passed around a plastic bag for all donations and welcomed everyone in attendance to join them in marching on May 1 for a demonstration on the battle against police brutality. They also asked for love members to join their phone squads, and committees, and to make as many copies of hand outs and flyers as they could.

Jersey leaders invest in America's future generation

By Jean H. Pierre
 Staff Writer

NEWARK — Children, children and more children was the theme on April 23. The Newark Municipal Council and Day Care Committee held a legislative round table discussion on early childhood education at the Priory Restaurant in Newark.

"It seems in today's society we have set out some time to celebrate everything from our ethnicity to religious holidays. But we've put some time away from our greatest resources — our children," said Councilwoman Bessie Walker. "The need for early childhood education is very vital for everyone. Our slogan says 'It takes a village,' because it's everyone's problem to see a child succeed."

The forum was part of the city's week long celebration of "Week of the Young Child," where residents and community leaders spoke of the quality programs in place and the changes that are needed to enhance a young child's development in school. These legislative breakfasts for the childcare issues have been going on for years and among the way people get busy and nothing gets done," said Councilwoman Gayle Chaneyfield-Jenkins. "I know that you've been yelling for years to put the wheels in motion in regards to childcare education. We're here, ready to listen to what you have to say."

The bill, known as Abbott vs. Burke, would implement quality education and programs for stu-

dents in the Abbott districts like Newark. One of the programs that would be implemented is a full-day of kindergarten rather than a half-day, which is common in urban areas like Newark.

Norma Langston, a member of the Young Child Committee and a longtime advocate for children, spoke of battles to get funds for childcare education. "For years I've heard people say 'they love the children,' but when we go to legislative or federal offices to get the money, the love is not there," said Langston. "Let's not wait. If we do, we're going to have chaos like school shootings and whatever breaking loose if we don't help these kids. Please don't let it happen."

Assemblyman Craig Stanley (D-28th Dist.), told the audience that the battle to place the court decision of Abbott vs. Burke is won, but must continue. "This decision empowers us to demand certain things from Trenton, but the state still will never concede to this," said Stanley. "We need to put the pressure on them. We need to be vigilant. The full implementation of Abbott is the best thing for New Jersey and its kids."

So far the state hasn't gone ahead with implementing Abbott, knowing the deadline is September of this year. But hopefully, according to Stanley, it won't. "We're talking about our children getting what's needed to better themselves," said Lester, who has two children in the Newark school system. "Only disaster will occur if we let this sit."

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

EAST ORANGE — The East Orange School District will hold a parent's meeting on early childhood programs for the 1999/2000 year at the East Orange Board of Education Building beginning at 9 a.m. (973) 268-5757.

ELIZABETH — Mayor Chris Bollag and the Office on Aging will hold a meeting on senior citizen issues at Immaculate Conception Hall beginning at 12:30 p.m. (908) 354-7431.

SCOTCH PLAINS — Union Catholic High School will hold its annual used clothing drive beginning at 8 a.m. (908) 889-9475.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

NEWARK — The New Jersey Institute for School Innovation presents 1,000 Friends of Public Education Luncheon at the Newark Club inside One Newark Center beginning at 12 p.m. (973) 621-9631.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

NEWARK — The Urban League of Essex County presents a masquerade ball at the Atrium-Dutch Companies Building beginning at 8 p.m. (973) 624-9535.

JAMESBURG — Single Faces Inc. will host a singles function at the Forge Country Club beginning at 9 p.m. (732) 521-0070.

NEWARK — The Newark Municipal Council will hold an appreciation dinner for parents and teachers of early childhood education at the Robert Treat Hotel beginning at 6 p.m. (973) 733-7976.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

EAST ORANGE — The East Orange High School Parent Teacher Association presents an All-Star Benefit Basketball Doubleheader for the E.O.H.S. PTA Scholarship Fund at the East Orange High School Redmond Gymnasium beginning at 1 p.m. 1-800-315-7909.

PISCATWAY — The NAACP of Metuchen-Edison Area will host a Fashion and Dance Show at the Holmes Marshall Fire House beginning at 8 p.m. (732) 940-0190.

NEWARK — The New Jersey Historical Society will hold a panel discussion on the American athlete in society beginning at 2 p.m. (973) 596-8500.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Joyce Golden Palette Art Gallery will hold a Pre-Mothers' Day Arts & Crafts Extravaganza beginning at 1 p.m.

(732) 247-8672.

SUNDAY, MAY 2

WAYNE — Singles Faces Inc. will host a singles function at Wayne Manor beginning at 9 p.m. (973) 694-7775.

ISLEIGH — Singles Faces Inc. will host a singles function at the Woodbridge Sheraton beginning at 8 p.m. (732) 634-3600.

NEWARK — The Newark Museum presents a Family Day Celebration on the arts beginning at 1 p.m. (973) 526-5500.

TUESDAY, MAY 4

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will hold a seminar on family law at the New Jersey Law Center beginning at 7 p.m. (732) 937-7518.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

WAYNE — William Paterson University will hold a lecture on the Declaration of Independence at the campus's Shea Center beginning at 9:30 p.m. (973) 720-2205.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

JERSEY CITY — New Jersey City University (NJCU) presents the annual spring chess championship beginning at 9 a.m. (201) 200-3426.

TEANECK — The Coalition of 100 Black Women host an art exhibition at Holy Name Hospital's Marian Hall beginning at 10 a.m. (212) 457-1404.

MONDAY, MAY 10

NEWARK — Columbus Hospital of Newark will hold its Fourth Annual Golf and Tennis Outing at the Rock Spring Club in West Orange beginning at 8 a.m. (973) 268-3674.

THURSDAY, MAY 13

NEWARK — The New Jersey Historical Society will hold a discussion on America's fascination with cars and history of cars beginning at 5:30 p.m. (973) 596-8500.

SATURDAY, MAY 15

NEW YORK — The City Museum of New York will hold a discussion on the impact of Paul Robeson beginning at 2 p.m. (212) 534-1672.

SUNDAY, MAY 16

WAYNE — William Paterson University will hold a sale on authentic pancy at the campus student center beginning at 10 a.m. (973) 720-2995.

Newark police chief honored



Newark Police Chief Thomas C. O'Reilly will be honored for 43 years of dedicated service and bravery on April 29. He was also awarded the Law Enforcement Leadership Award from the Grace Reformed Baptist Church.

"Teddy Bear Care" roams Clara Maass



When Khalil Franklin (left) and Chad Whitney, both of Newark, took their furry best friends to Clara Maass Medical Center for a check-up, they learned a lot about how the doctors, nurses, and staff care for people when they're sick, so that they get better. The two children are among a group of youngsters who participated in "Protect Teddy Bear Care," held recently at Kid's Place Child Care Center, which is located on the hospital's campus. The event was hosted in celebration of "Childcare and Healthcare Week."

Senior citizens get tax help from students



New Jersey City University students Olivia Morrison (left) and Bawa Rajwinder (right) assist Carmen Teague (center) of Jersey City with her income tax forms as part of the free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) co-sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service and the NJCU Department of Business Administration for senior citizens in community. The NJCU students were supervised by Bill Craven, an NJCU assistant professor of business administration.

Monmouth County's "Poets in the Park" winners



First place winners of the Monmouth County Park System "Poets in the Parks" contest were recently awarded (standing left to right) Diane Chien of Holmdel, Cathay O'Brien of Cliffwood Beach, and Caroline Carly of Monmouth Beach pose with Chairman Adeline Lubkert (seated).

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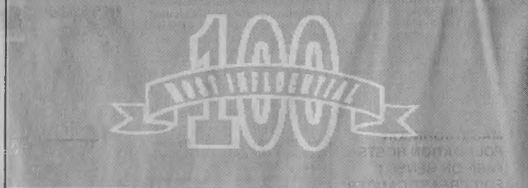
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SEAN 'PUFFY' COMBS ARRESTED IN BEATING OF RECORD EXECUTIVE

NEW YORK (AP) — Rap artist and producer Sean "Puffy" Combs was arrested and charged with beating a rap record executive who was persuaded by the attack.

"I don't know why they beat me," Steven Stoute said in a telephone interview. "They came in and started beating me up."

Stoute said he sustained a broken arm, a broken jaw and cuts to his head in the Thursday assault. He said Combs was one of three assailants, but he did not recognize the other two. Combs, 29, was arrested by police on Friday and was charged with second-degree assault and criminal mischief. He was charged with the most serious charge of assault, Combs could face up to seven years in jail.

Investigators said Combs was apparently upset over a video Stoute had produced. But Stoute disputed that, along with a newspaper report that Combs was unhappy with a scene he had featured in the music video "Hate Me Now." Stoute said he did not produce that video.

WVU FRATERNITY EXPELLED FOR BEATING PLEDGES

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — A West Virginia University fraternity has admitted to repeatedly beating three pledges and agreed to officially disband until all eight members are no longer charged with "hazing offenses."

Phi Beta Sigma chapter President Hugh Huggins, a student from Dover Township, N.J., confirmed that the beatings had taken place, said Linda Hausman, manager of the Office of Student Organization Services.

Further action is likely against individual members of the fraternity because at least one pledge has indicated he will file a formal complaint with WVU's Office of Student Life, Hausman said.

Those proceedings could result in a variety of penalties against those convicted of hazing, including expulsion.

All eight members also face possible expulsion from the national organization and fines of \$1 million apiece, said Daniel J. Tann, a Philadelphia attorney who serves as regional director for Phi Beta Sigma.

The WVU chapter was immediately suspended when the hazing allegations were raised, and the penalties were approved with a vote last weekend at the Eastern Regional Conference, he said.

MAGIC JOHNSON FOUNDATION HOSTS FASHION BENEFIT FOR BREAST CANCER

(NAPA) — The alarming imbalance between the low incidence rate and high mortality rate of African-American women with breast cancer has led the Magic Johnson Foundation to launch a National Breast Cancer Awareness Initiative (NBCAI). The campaign, designed to help women in urban communities, especially women of color, obtain breast cancer education, screening and treatment services, was launched at a celebrity fashion show on April 24 in Beverly Hills, Calif. The fundraiser, "A Salute to African-American Designers," will include fashions from Karl Kani, Dada, FUBU, Perry White, and Dion Sorensen. Celebrity models will include Loretta Devine, Tia & Tamara Moore, Deborah Cox, Shamir Moore, Tichina Arnold and Warren G.

"African-American women — our mothers, siblings, daughters and friends — are dying from an illness that when detected very early, is often very treatable, and they are still dying more often than any other ethnic group," said Cooke Johnson, vice president of the foundation's board of directors.

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Women lead surge in black buying power boom

By Ytesha L. Womack

Black America's buying power continues to surge, with blacks outpacing white households in electronics, apparel and personal care services.

"The Buying Power of Black America," a report issued by Target Market News, cites the rise in income and increased spending by black women for the surge in black family expenditures.

According to Ken Smikle, president of Target Market News, the two percent increase of black women wage-earners between 1996 and 1997 contributed to increased spending.

"Black women, traditionally, are

very instrumental in how a family spends," Smikle said. He said increased spending habits among women gives the rest of the family confidence in buying more.

Moreover, black women, Smikle said, "Traditionally spend increases (income) on their children as well as themselves."

In 1997, African Americans earned \$392 billion, making them the 13th largest power block in the world. New York led with \$27 billion. Chicago was second with a total black earned income at \$16.6 billion.

It was followed by Detroit at \$10 billion, Philadelphia at \$8.9 billion and Los Angeles at \$6.9 billion.

In 1997, black men earned \$207 billion, compared to black women at \$183 billion.

According to the study, spending on personal care services, including hair salons and spa care increased from \$2.2 billion in 1996 to \$3.3 billion in 1997. Cosmetic purchases soared by \$400 million and hair care expenditures increased by \$150 million.

"Basically, every sector of the economy is going to be the beneficiary of black women improving financially," Smikle said.

He said that is an excellent opportunity for community-based black business, many of which are service-oriented, to develop marketing strategies to

attract black women.

Purchases of technology and entertainment electronics also increased among black households. Acquisition of Internet services skyrocketed among blacks, from \$10 million in 1996 to \$60 million in 1997. Blacks also out-spent whites per capita in purchases of satellite dishes and cable services. Blacks spent \$187 million in satellite hook ups. Computer purchases also doubled.

African Americans have always embraced new communications technology with heavy purchases," Smikle said.

He credits this increase in technology spending to African Americans' desire to improve their lives.

"The value we put on information is

similar to the value we put on education," Smikle said. "It is a way to move ahead in society." Moreover, he said the Internet, cable and satellites enable blacks to learn more about current culture and "see themselves."

"We always outspend white households for cable service because there's more of us on cable than network TV," Smikle said.

Spending rises are also coupled with surges in stock market investments. According to Target Market News, investments in stocks and bonds quadrupled, from \$3 billion in 1995 to \$12 billion in 1997. That was attributed to more blacks investing, not just stock and bond growth.

'Trenchcoat Mafia' oppose blacks, Hispanics and jocks

By Steven K. Paulson

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — They called themselves the "Trenchcoat Mafia," a dozen outside students who hated blacks, Hispanics, Jews and athletes, and dressed up in long black dusters, like villains of the Old West.

They played World War II games, bragged about their guns, and trazed new students about knowing to the elite students at Columbine High School.

But few students took them seriously until Tuesday, when police said two members of the rebellious group took out guns and started firing. Classmates and Denver media identified the deal gunners as Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, both inmates at the school. Police refused to confirm the identities, but were seen at Harris' home, carrying out items including a computer.

The "trenchcoats" were seen as small, pale, and dressed in long, black dusters. They were seen at a two-story home on a quiet suburban cul-de-sac today except for a steady stream of reporters driving through the neighborhood.

Sean Kelly, a 16-year-old junior, shared a computer lab with Harris. "They just didn't seem to be all there. They liked things like Soldier of Fortune magazine," Kelly said. Harris made his own video production at school in which he bragged about some of his new guns.

Authorities said the two boys killed themselves following a "suicide mission" in which they marched through the school, hurling pipe bombs and firing shotguns, leaving a trail of bodies. They said they learned of the group only after Tuesday's shooting.

School officials said they had no problems with the two suspects, there were no discipline problems. Jefferson County sheriff's spokesman Steve Davis said.

Jefferson County District Attorney Dave Thomas said both shooters had a juvenile record, but nothing violent. "They were involved in the same incident, which was theft and trespass to a car," he said.

Other Trenchcoat Mafia members were questioned by police, including one who was led away in handcuffs Tuesday. But no arrests were made, Davis said, and there was no indication that any of the others took part in the shooting.

Kelly said members of the group made a number of "generally derogatory remarks" about Hispanics and blacks, and were considered outcasts by other students at the school. But officials said that only one of the victims was black.

They had a long-running feud with some of the school's athletes, who enjoyed the popularity the Trenchcoats lacked.

"A couple of months ago, the jocks were supposed to fight them," said Matt Good, 16, a football player. But the Trenchcoats showed up two hours late, at the wrong spot, carrying swords and brass knuckles, and the fight was never rescheduled, Good said.

In the 1998 yearbook, a photo showed members of the group looking arms and smiling, was accompanied by the caption, "Who says we're different? Isn't unity healthy? Stay alive, stay different, stay crazy!"

Chris Morris, a leader of the group is grinning broadly. Klebold's yellow-faced picture appears on a separate page, with the statement: "After going through many experiences in their lives, these students have regrets of past actions."

Student Andrew Beard said members of the group often came to school in steel-toed combat boots, some of them wearing Nazi crosses. Tuesday was the anniversary of Adolf Hitler's birthday, and student Aaron Cohn said that was a significant day for Trenchcoat members, who would make references to 4-20. He said they often made anti-Semitic comments.

Beard said a dozen students joined the group last year, adopting the trademark dusters and sometimes wearing red or green berets, but the numbers dwindled to a half-dozen this year as the novelty wore off. He said he knew of no special significance for the dusters.

"Dylan said he hated the jocks,

and how they could walk over people and thought they were tough," Beard said.

Josh Nielsen, 17, a junior at the school, said he knew members of the group as well.

"They liked playing war games," he said. "That's all they could talk about. They played war games and they liked to re-enact World War II battles."

Brooks Brown, who said he knew both gunmen, said he was walking out of school Tuesday morning when Harris warned him to leave.

"I was walking out for a cigarette and I told him, 'Hey, man' and he said, 'Brooks, I like you. Now, get out of here. Go home.' And so I didn't think twice about it."

Brown told The Denver Post he and Harris had made up after a feud, but the boy was filled with hate.

"He did it because he hated people," Brown said. "He loved the moment. He loved killing people, he liked that idea. He lived in that. That how I knew it would end the way this did — kill all the hostages and then themselves. I couldn't see anything else."

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police who disapprove of his commentary on police brutality in the city.

"I had a talk with my father because my country doesn't believe in what he believes and that is equality for all man," said Mazia Abu-Jamal, who spoke emotionally about his father. "Each and every single one of you have the power to make things change — the opportunity to see whether my father comes home a free man."

Jamala's attorney Leonard Weinglass addressed the crowd with the latest information on his case to get him out. "We are demanding that the files be open on this case and see where we can help him," said Weinglass. "We can't give Mumia his seventeen years back, but we can end this travesty of justice."

The rally also discussed the issue of police brutality in the wake of the death of West African Immigrant Abdul Diallo in New York. Ron Daniels of the Center for Constitutional Rights sees this case as well as Diallo's going hand in hand. "Mumia case is one of the greatest cases of police brutality and the miscarriage of justice in the history of this country. Mumia represents thousands of men and women who've been victimized by the police and the judicial



Marchers rally in support of Mumia

system," said Daniels. "We must struggle and fight until we achieve the freedom of Mumia and a new society without threats of the police."

After the rally, marchers walked up Broad Street with signs shouting "Free Mumia" and "Stop the Execution." "We're getting the word about this case and the corruption that has taken place," said Amanda Nigar, who trav-

elled all the way from North Dakota to be at the rally. "Either they redo the case or let him go. Simple as that. Hopefully they will, before they have blood on their hands." So far there's been no timetable in when Jamal will be executed, but Weinglass said that doesn't matter. "We're getting the courts, the police, political officials. Mumia has all of you. That's a powerful tool."

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

PASIPPANY — The Morris County Chamber of Commerce presents its annual business trade show called "Technology Solutions for Your Business" at the Parsippany Hilton beginning at 10 a.m. (973) 539-3882

NEW YORK — The Port Authority of New York & New York will hold a forum on construction contracts and business practices at their offices beginning at 8:30 a.m. (212) 433-6312.

CRANFORD — Union County College will offer a seminar on conflicts in the workplace beginning at 6 p.m. (908) 709-7900.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

MONTCLAIR — Montclair State University presents its annual "Law Day" seminar at Ocean Hall beginning at 9 a.m. (973) 655-4333.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

UNION — The Union County Economic Development Corporation will hold a training course and seminar on financial and technical assistance for small business beginning at 9 a.m. (908) 527-1186.

UNION — The U.S. Small Business Administration will hold a seminar on financial and technical assistance for small business. Call (973) 645-2434 for time and location.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey Bar Foundation will present a free public seminar on buying and selling a home on at the New Jersey Law Center beginning at 7 p.m. (732) 537-7518.

EDISON — The New Jersey Career Equity Assistance Center will hold their Ninth Annual Assets Conference at the Sheraton Edison Hotel Raritan Center beginning at 8:30 a.m. (609) 711-2005.

MONDAY, MAY 3

CRANFORD — Union County College will offer a seminar on starting and managing your own business beginning at 6:30 p.m. (908) 709-7900.

PLAINFIELD — The New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NJAWBO) and The Urban Women's Center of the YMCA of Plainfield/Borough Plainfield will offer a workshop on business ownership among women at the United National Bank Community Education Center beginning at 9 a.m. (908) 756-3500.

TUESDAY, MAY 11

NEW YORK — The New York State Society of CPAs' Cooperation with Financial Media Committee will hold a seminar on reading and understanding financial statements at their offices beginning at 8:30 a.m. (212) 718-5405.

UEZ program pays for urban projects and creates jobs

TRENTON—New Jersey's nationally recognized Urban Enterprise Zone program is helping Elizabeth, Carteret, Long Branch, North Bergen and Plainville pay for targeted urban development projects without additional cost to their taxpayers.

The New Jersey Commerce & Economic Growth Commission's Urban Enterprise Zone Authority awarded over \$3.5 million for various urban projects around the state. The projects range from business retention initiatives to storefront facilities in critical urban shopping districts to the establishment of loan pools for qualified UEZ businesses operating within the zone, and more.

According to Guiberto "Gill" Medina, Chief Executive Officer & Secretary of NJ Commerce, "New Jersey has several successful multifaceted economic development initiatives in place, but the Urban Enterprise Zone program is one of our most noteworthy ones. Just look at its impact: 50,244 full-time jobs created since its inception in 1983, with

over \$8.5 billion invested by UEZ business. There is no doubt that the program has benefited the state's urban areas and our economy."

These urban renewal projects were approved today at a meeting of NJ Commerce's Urban Enterprise Zone Authority. Elizabeth (\$1,556,000); \$1,000,000 to establish a loan pool for businesses operating within the zone that required capital for certain types of fixed asset purchases; \$326,000 to launch a marketing program for the UEZ.

Carteret (\$760,000) To begin a construction project that will redirect the flow of vehicular traffic to create a "town center," where pedestrians can walk without impediment, taking advantage of the town's newly constructed library and other city services housed in several buildings.

Long Branch (\$230,000) To begin phase one of a sidewalk replacement program in its West End.

North Bergen (\$450,000) To begin construction of a medical facility called "Amended Plaza," a project that will be

situated on a two-acre site at Kennedy Boulevard and 58th Street. The initial phase of the construction will be a four-story office building with approximately 70,000 square feet of space. When completed, tenants providing medical services to the surrounding community will occupy "Amended Plaza."

Plainville (\$338,087) For public safety funding, specifically the appointment and outfitting of five police officers to be assigned to a special detail with the police department to patrol the Urban Enterprise Zone within its central business district and shopping center. New Jersey's Urban Enterprise Zone program was enacted by the State Legislature in 1983 to revitalize the state's most distressed urban areas by creating private-sector jobs and public and private investment in targeted areas of these communities. New Jersey presently has 27 Urban Enterprise Zones in 29 municipalities around the state that have since produced 50,244 full-time jobs with over \$8.5 billion invested by UEZ business.

Financial planning and spiritual health



Dale Caldwell

By Dale Caldwell

Unfortunately, many African Americans do not deduct contributions to their church from their taxes. Many people "tute" (contribute 10 percent of their pre-tax income to their church), however, they do not include these contributions on their tax returns. As a result, many African Americans pay more in taxes than they need to. One of the main reasons that they do not claim this contribution is because they believe that spirituality and financial planning do not mix.

As the child of a United Methodist minister I have spent much of my life in and around the church. My experiences have led me to believe that some of the principles of spiritual health can apply to financial planning.

I have found Galatians 3:22-23 to be one of the most powerful passages in the Bible. This passage states that "the Fruit of the Spirit" is divided into nine elements. These elements represent the attributes that all children of God should demonstrate. The King James Version of the Bible reads "the Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance." Longsuffering, goodness, faith and temperance are the four elements that can be best applied to financial planning.

"Longsuffering" refers to patience under difficult situations. Unfortunately, many of us are facing very difficult financial circumstances. The principles of good financial planning dictate that the best way to turn your financial situation around is to patiently plot a course of action. Too often people make rash investment decisions and hurt themselves financially. By being patient you can develop a strong financial plan based on solid investment principles.

"Goodness" refers to being morally sound and honest. I have seen many people try to take a shortcut to making money honestly. They will try to use "inside information" (illegal information supplied to them by someone working for a publicly traded company) to determine what stocks to purchase. I have never seen this inside information yield any significant profits. Most successful investors make their money by using sound financial information to determine where to invest. Honesty does pay.

"Faith" refers to being true to one's belief. When you develop a solid financial plan you must be faithful to the plan in order for it to be effective. Sometimes the financial plan will require that you save more money than you are comfortable saving. If you do not have faith in the plan it will never work.

Therefore, whenever you develop a financial plan be 100 percent sure that you have faith in the plan and will follow it through to completion. "Temperance" refers to self-control. Too often we are tempted to follow "get-rich-quick-schemes." There are many investments that virtually guarantee that you will make money by investing in them. Unfortunately, I have never seen any of these schemes ever work. You must therefore exercise self-control when investing. Make sure that your investments are based on sound financial principles not the promise of making a quick money.

Likewise, you must exhibit self-control when using your credit cards. Unfortunately, credit cards make it easy to lose our self-control. They enable us to buy whatever we want, when we want, whether we have the money or not. Credit card debt is one of the biggest financial problems in the African-American community. Too many of us are paying high interest rates on thousands of dollars of credit card debt. If we are going to increase our net worth as a community we must exhibit self-control and minimize our credit card debt.

I am attempting, with some success, to demonstrate love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance in my everyday life. I believe that if everyone attempted to follow these elements in every aspect of their life we would live in a much better world.

Metro Expo '99



Employees of the Chase Manhattan Bank Residential Lending group stopped to pose in front their Chase booth at Metro '99. This one-day event held at Madison Square Garden, provided information in Spanish and English. Chase was the only bank that offered seminars in Spanish and English.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

NEWARK — Celeste Bateman & Associates presents the Gospel Play *We Have Victory at Newark Symphony Hall's Second Theater* beginning at 8 p.m. (973) 705-9253.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

BELLEVILLE — Second Baptist Church will hold its second annual "100 Black Men Who Cook" fund raiser at the University of Medicine and Dentistry Medical School's Grand Foyer in Newark beginning at 6 p.m. (973) 450-5875.

Part II Blacks and the Dutch Reformed Church

By Glenn Cunningham

JERSEY CITY — The leaders of the Dutch reformed church believed that Christians should not be enslaved. So slaves were often freed if they were baptized. But as attitudes changed, and since it was more economical not to replace freed slaves, the number of baptisms declined.

In the 18th century, the inhabitants of Bergen worshipped in the log school house they built where Martin Luther King Jr. School is now. Then in 1680 they built a small, rectangular church on the other side of the road.

The church had 134 members when it was dedicated in 1681, including a Dutch-speaking black man named Jochem Anthony, who joined the Dutch Reformed Church on April 7, 1679.

Jochem must have been proud to take his place in the church on Sunday mornings. Like the other male members he sat in the seat he brought with him and placed it against the wall. When the women sat in the middle. When the collections were taken, Jochem probably gave his fair share of servants, or wampum the accepted currency in old Bergen then for he was a free man and a property owner.

Jochem had moved to Bergen from New Amsterdam and was probably the son of one of eleven Dutch West India Company slaves who, in 1664, were set free and at fiber on the same footing as other free people in New Netherlands.

In 1684 Jochem petitioned the Governor of East Jersey for the right to buy land on the bank of the Hackensack River from the Indians. He was allowed to purchase 100 acres. Then in April 1686, he married Maria Jems, at the school house in Bergen. Their daughter, Maria, was born the following year and was baptized in the Dutch church in Hackensack.

In 1773 the old octagonal church was replaced by a two-story sanctuary, with a tall steeple that was the most visible structure in Bergen for many years. Reverend John Cornelison, the domine, who led the church in the early 1800s, showed some interest in the spiritual and educational needs of the town's dark inhabitants.

Cornelison stayed at the Sip Homestead, where the Kay-Finley Jersey state is now at Bergen and Sip Avenues. Although the domine held special services for them in his own house and catechized them faithfully even he owned a slave. Her name was Mary.

John Cornelison was one of the servants of the church's distinguished families joined the church.

Susan Karmack, the administrator of the Dutch Church, has made available to this writer a Register of Communicants Being Persons of Color, which lists seventeen black members of the church. Each one was a slave of a respected church member.

Today we are reminded of these former slave masters by the many street signs that bear their names on Jersey City's streets: Newark, Van Winkle, Van der Bilt, Brinkerhoff, Prior, Tiers, and others.

By the time Cornelison died in 1828, the records reflected a growing free black population in the area. For instance, on June 14, 1834, Tobias Walker, a free colored man married Betty, a servant of Aaron Tiers. Betty was a slave of the Tiers' family and had been a member of the church since 1830. The second church was destroyed by fire in 1842. It was replaced by the beautiful building with massive white pillars, that still stands today. The African-Americans who got married in the new church were referred to as free people of color, because most African-Americans in the state were then free.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The First Baptist Community Development Corporation, the community development affiliate of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in Somerset, NJ hosted "A Magical New Jersey Evening," a display of New Jersey's finest food, art and entertainment on April 10 at the Renaissance Community Center.

Five artists from New Jersey life East, Jim Edmister, Myra Morris, Maria R. Owens, Philip Smallwood, and Leon Wilburn, brought their sculptures and paintings to showcase and sell. The nationally known Bill Sexton Quartet, African American Magicians and mimes, a boutique of wearable art, a bookstore of African-American books, book signings by authors Grisena Coleman and Andria Hall and a showcase of restaurant specialties from Greet Grotto, to Dominic's, Freshwaters, Dot & Lou's Bakery, Harvest Moon, Raritan River Club, Starbucks, Cathedral Cafe and Impassioned splendored the crowd.



Guests arriving for "A Magical New Jersey Evening," sponsored by First Baptist Community Development Corporation.



Artist Maria R. Owens explains her work to guests.

Convocation for justice

NEWARK — The Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministry ask you to join more than 100 congregation leaders for the first ever Convocation on Economic Justice and Economic Development, on Thursday, May 13, 1999 in Camden, New Jersey.

Our keynote speaker will be the Reverend Wyatt Tee Walker of Canaan Baptist Church of Christ located in Harlem, New York. We invite you to join us for another call to economic justice and for prayers of thanksgiving. The program will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.

As you know, Governor Whitman's Faith-Based Economic Development Grant Program supports more than 60 faith-based organizations throughout New Jersey. Because of God's grace, several organizations have completed the rehabilitation and construction of hundreds of units of

housing and many faith-based community development corporations have been organized to create both jobs and community wealth.

The purpose of our gathering is to thank God for producing so many resources in support of faith-based economic development and to ask for God's guidance on how to best use these resources to reduce poverty in our cities.

Important public policy questions will be addressed such as how to allocate increased funding for community development, the possibility of utilizing a commercial tax credit for urban and rural economic development, the need to increase affordable housing for all, and designating municipal deposits for community development credit unions.

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POSITIVELY BLACK

Becoming single minded

By Junious Ricardo Stanton

"A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." James 1:8

"The black man of today is only part black. The other part of him is white. The two parts which were often not put against each other, which contradict each other and which are 'out of sync' with each other, make up virtually the whole of the black body and mind. Thus the black man is a 'split personality,' a schizoid personality which tries to operate with two sets of mutually incompatible needs, drives, impulses, values, cultural traditions, ways of thinking, etc., simultaneously." Dr. Amos Wilson

Africans in America suffer from what WEB Dubois called the "double consciousness." "...the Negro is a sort of seventh son born with a veil, and gifted with second sight in a American world — a world which yields him no true self-consciousness, but only lets him see himself through the eyes of others, of measuring one's soul by the tape of a world that looks on in amused contempt and pity. One ever feels his two-ness — an American, a Negro; two souls, two thoughts, two unreconciled strivings; two warring ideals in one black body, whose dogged strength alone keeps it from being torn asunder." "Souls of Black Folk."

Because of the trauma of the continuing trans-generational process of deculturation, Africans in America, regardless of socio-economic status, act in a schizoid fashion. We are, like children, suffering from pathological parental abuse. No matter how badly we are mistreated, we continue to seek validation, acceptance and endorsement from our abusers. In clinging to them, internalizing and emulating their deprecating definitions of us, while seeking to please their

wrath by eagerly conforming to their demands regardless of how exorbitant they may be. We see ourselves in relation to our tormentor/oppressor rather than viewing the world based upon our own experiences and attempting to better our situation.

You may not like what I am saying, but we have only to look at our community, how we respond to one another, how we focus and channel our energies and resources to see that what I'm saying is true. For example, we spend 95 percent of our discretionary income outside our own communities. We call ourselves the same names and terms the slave master used to degrade and dehumanize us and we loathe to live around our own people. Intra-group violence and homicide continue to escalate yearly. And, we are reluctant to come together, strategize, organize and galvanize our resources around issues that are clearly in our best interests.

We've heard all this before, but there is a solution? Yes, there is. It is to move from a double consciousness to a single-mindedness. How do we do that? We can begin by validating ourselves rather than seeking validation, acceptance and reward from our enemies. We have the capacity to think whatever we choose. We have the ability to imagine and define our noble mindlessness and fear that prevent us from being competent and capable rather than incompetent and inferior. In a society where a self-assured, learned-to-act conscious black man is a threat to the slave order, we are organized to acquire, become servile, subordinate our ego and dreams to survive. If we are to do the double-mindedness and fear that prevent us from actualizing our genetic potential, we must think and act ethnocentrically. We must coarsely redefine and measure ourselves by our own standards, honor ourselves and always think and act in our best interests.

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Health Calendar

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

BELLE MEAD — The Carrier Foundation will address advances in psychosocial rehabilitation at the Seventh Annual Steven A. Kraft Memorial Symposium at the foundation's Altkorn Amphitheater beginning at 9:30 a.m. (508) 281-1515.

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital will offer a lecture on breast and lung cancer at the hospital's Marian Hall beginning at 7 p.m. (201) 833-3186.

WAYNE — William Paterson University will present a conference on Modern Systems in Student Ballooning beginning at 1 p.m. (973) 720-2996.

WESTFIELD — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at Lord and Taylor beginning at 9:30 a.m. 1-800-BLOOD-NJ.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

BOOTH PLAINS — The Mother's Day of Central New Jersey Inc. will offer a workshop on Naturopathy, The Healing Power of Nature at the Scotch Plains Public Library beginning at 8 p.m. (800) 581-1751.

NEW YORK — The Underneath Center will hold a discussion on pain and addiction to drugs at the Open Society Institute beginning at 4 p.m. (212) 548-0095.

After breast cancer surgery, women most fear death, pain, and bills

MIAMI — The concerns that loom largest in the minds of breast cancer patients fearing the first year after surgery are not loss of attractiveness or sexuality, as is often thought, but fear of death, pain, and overwhelming bills.

Adverse reactions from friends, family, partners, and others were among the least intense of the concerns reported in the survey of 223 women as they weather the crisis following breast cancer surgery. Issues of attractiveness, femininity, sexuality, and self-sufficiency ranked as mid-level concerns.

To the extent that personal relationships appeared among the high-level of concerns, they did so as cares about not being able to live out important relationships - for example not seeing children grow up and having life with a partner cut short.

"What we have here is a snapshot of the experiences of women who are in treatment for early-stage breast cancer - the concerns that occupy their minds and the association between those concerns and facets of their well-being," said Stacie M. Spencer, Ph.D., the University of Pittsburgh psychologist who led a team of nine scientists from the University of Miami and Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. Their findings are reported in the March issue of *Health Psychology*.

"Clinically, the pattern of concerns serves as a reminder that what may be easiest to discuss with a patient may not be what the patient is most worried about," the researchers say.

They suggest that counselors place greater emphasis on giving patients an avenue for confronting issues of mortality, and directing energies to concerns that are strong yet controllable, such as addressing health-enhancing behavior, planning for children's future, and developing a plan for dealing with medical bills.

The research team surveyed 151 non-Hispanic white women, 48 Hispanics, and 94 African Americans using a 26-point "Profile of Concerns for Breast Cancer" created for the study. The participants' emotional adjustment was also assessed by three measures and their psycho-social well-being assessed by two measures.

Hispanic women reported higher levels of concern on most points than did the other groups. The high scores they gave to survey items were paralleled by high measures of emotional distress and sexual and social disruption in their assessments of emotional adjustment and psychological well-being. African American women expressed "notably lower" concern about life and pain issues and sexuality issues than did the other two groups.

The researchers suggest these ethnic differences may relate to the notion that it is culturally appropriate for Hispanic women to acknowledge their feelings, and also appropriate for African American women to present a strong image to others.

The research was supported by grants from the National Cancer Institute and the U.S. Department of Defense.

New Jersey foundation supports minority health summit

TRENTON — The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services has received a \$50,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in support of the department's Minority Health Summit.

The two-day summit slated for September 21 and 22 at the Medical Society of New Jersey in Lawrenceville, will bring together state and national health experts and community leaders to focus on issues affecting the health of the state's minority populations. Summit participants will contribute to the publishing of a minority health care report card that will address disparities and make recommendations for improving health care outcomes for minority patients.

Mother's Day Mammograms



Dr. David Kang joins effort for breast cancer

CAMP HILL, PA. — Many women face difficult money decisions every day. Imagine if all of you had left after paying your rent was \$100. Would you spend it to feed your family for a week, or on a mammogram that could save your life? While both are important, most women would choose feeding their family first.

This spring, The Rise Aid Women's Health Foundation wants to make it easier for women to choose both as part of its Mother's Day Mammograms initiative.

In its tenth year, Mother's Day Mammograms connects uninsured women in 24 states and the District of Columbia who cannot afford a mammogram with free breast cancer screenings in their community. Programs such as Mother's Day Mammograms can help make a difference in New Jersey, which tied with Michigan as the state with the eighth highest number of breast cancer-related deaths nationwide in 1998.

"The facts are clear. Early detection of breast cancer saves lives. In fact, when detected early, women have a 95 percent chance of survival," said Amy Johnson, executive director of The Rise Aid Women's Health Foundation. "But thousands of women cannot afford regular mammograms. The Foundation offers a solution by connecting uninsured women with healthcare providers who offer the screenings for free."

Dianah Carroll, stage, screen and television legend, is joining the Foundation as its national spokesperson this year. Carroll knows first-hand the importance of taking care of your health.

"As a breast cancer survivor who owes my life to getting a mammogram, I am a passionate advocate of the importance of early detection," said Carroll. "That's why I've joined this marvelous effort that so meaningfully touches the lives of women across the country."

Low-income women diagnosed with breast cancer face a nine percent lower chance of survival than women in higher income brackets, largely due to lack of access to preventative health care. You can help lower that statistic by spreading the word about Mother's Day Mammograms, a program that connects low-income and uninsured women with healthcare providers in their community who offer free mammograms.

In 1998, more than 6,200 new breast cancer cases were reported in New Jersey, placing the state ninth in the nation for breast cancer incidence. In addition, New Jersey tied with Michigan for the eighth highest number of breast cancer-related deaths nationwide. You can help reduce the devastating effects of this disease. We know that early detection is the best defense we have - right now - in the fight against breast cancer. In fact, when breast cancer is detected while it is confined to the breast, women have a 95 percent chance of surviving. And, yearly mammograms, along with manually breast self-exams, help detect breast cancer early.

Unfortunately, not every woman can afford a yearly mammogram. That's where this program aims to help. Call a toll-free number - 1-888-748-3669 (1-888-RITE-NOW) until May 29. Participating healthcare providers will schedule the mammogram at a time that is convenient for the woman.

New health center opens in Newark

NEWARK — The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) has opened a new healthcare center - University Family Practice Center at Vallsburg - in the heart of Newark's Vallsburg community.

Affiliated with the UMDNJ's University Hospital and New Jersey Medical School Department of Family Medicine, University Family Practice at Vallsburg provides medical care for the entire family including infants, children, teenagers, adults and seniors. Both physicians at the practice - Dr. David Kang, the practice's medical director, and Dr. Kathann S. Duncan - are board-certified in family medicine. Services include check-ups, physicals, screenings and treatment for diabetes, asthma, high blood pressure and other illnesses; gynecological services; pediatrics and other services for children.

Doctors Kang and Duncan also share a passion for practicing community based medicine in an urban setting. In addition to their physician responsibilities, each plan to conduct screenings and workshops at Vallsburg schools, social service organizations, churches and businesses.

"Historically, residents of urban neighborhoods have not always had access to quality healthcare," said Dr. Kang. "Through our medical services, as well as our outreach initiatives, we hope to make the practice a source of quality medical care and useful health information for Vallsburg and surrounding communities."

The practice's other physician, Dr. Duncan, has a strong interest in children's health.

"Good health practices must begin when children are very young,"

stage. In addition to evaluating such issues as access to care, coordination of services, and the impact of lifestyle choices on health, summit participants will hear from experts who have developed model programs addressing minority health and experts on racial and ethnic data use and analysis.

The grant is the fourth in recent years the department has received from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for specific health care projects. These grant projects include:



(L) to (R): University Family Practice Center at Vallsburg physicians Dr. Kathann Duncan and Dr. David Kang, William L. Vazquez, CEO & VP, University Hospital, welcome Mammie Bridgeforth, Councilwoman, Newark, West Ward, to the practice for a tour.

Vallsburg schools, social service organizations, churches and businesses.

Conveniently located at 1044 South Orange Avenue, 2nd floor, (on the corner of South Orange and Sanford Avenues), the practice is in a completely renovated suite, has four examination rooms and state-of-the-art examining equipment. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and alternating Saturdays from 9 a.m. - noon. Evening hours are available to accommodate patients as well. Most major health plans are accepted. Please call (973) 972-1510 to schedule an appointment.

New Jersey EASE (Easy Access) Single Entry system which has improved access to information and assistance for seniors and their families in 13 counties and later this year will be expanded statewide.

In 1996, the foundation granted \$172,000 in support of the Nursing Home Quality Partnership Project, through which the department is working with 20 nursing homes to improve information, quickly identify identified problem areas, and assist the homes in setting up programs to continuously monitor their quality of care, make improvements and measure the success of their efforts.

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Coalition reforms NJ's public health program

LAWRENCEVILLE — In an age of increasing threats of big-terrorism, drug resistant disease and emerging pathogens, the Medical Society of New Jersey (MSNJ) today announced the formation of a new and diverse coalition called Public Health Crafting A Restructured Environment (C.A.R.E.). Funded by a two-year grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), the C.A.R.E. coalition will work to improve New Jersey's public health infrastructure by aligning the interests of the public health community to improve coordination of the entities that comprise the public health system.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 30

PATERSON — St. Paul's Episcopal Church presents the April Jazz Series with featured performer J.P. Torres and his Afro-Cuban Band beginning at 8 p.m. (973) 276-7000.

NEWARK — The Urban League of Essex County presents "Monte Carlo '99 Masquerade Ball" at Anheuser-Busch Factory beginning at 8 p.m. (973) 624-9555.

RAHWAY — The Arts Guild of Rahway presents its 36 Series starting trumpeter Warren Vache Jr. beginning at 7:30 p.m. (732) 489-8225.

NEWARK — Celeste Bateman & Associates presents the gospel musical "We've Got The Victory" at the African Globe Theater located inside Newark Symphony Hall beginning at 8 p.m. (973) 755-8555.

NEW YORK — The New Federal Theater presents a play on actress Rose McClendon entitled "Helen's Gift to Broadway" at the Aronson Arts Center beginning at 8 p.m. (212) 352-1172.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

NEWARK — Newark Symphony Hall presents the gospel play "We've Got The Victory" beginning at 8 p.m.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Rutgers Arts Center presents the Rutgers Glee Club at the Nicholas Music Center beginning at 8 p.m. (732) 932-7511.

SUNDAY, MAY 2

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) presents the legendary soprano singer Kathleen Battle beginning at 3 p.m. 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Rutgers Arts Center presents the Rutgers Children's Choir at the Nicholas Music Center beginning at 2 p.m. (732) 932-7511.

FRIDAY, MAY 7

NEW BRUNSWICK — The State Theater presents jazz vocalist Diane Schuur and The Cole Eldridge Quartet beginning at 8 p.m. (732) 245-7459.

NEWARK — The African Globe Arts & Entertainment in association with Newark Symphony Hall presents an R&B showcase at the African Globe Theater inside Newark Symphony Hall beginning at 8 p.m. (973) 624-1554.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) presents the Dance Theater of Harlem beginning at 8 p.m. 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

SUNDAY, MAY 9

RAHWAY — The Arts Guild of Rahway presents The Jazz 99 Series featuring The Bob Van Wyk Quartet beginning at 2 p.m. (732) 499-8225.

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SUNDAY, MAY 16

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NEWARK — The African Globe Arts & Entertainment in association with Newark Symphony Hall presents a gospel showcase concert at the African Globe Theater located inside Newark Symphony Hall beginning at 5 p.m. (973) 624-1554.

THURSDAY, MAY 19

NEW YORK — Jazz at Lincoln Center presents the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis at the Alice Tully Hall located in Lincoln Center beginning at 8 p.m. (212) 875-5559.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

NEW BRUNSWICK — The State Theater presents the Mark Morris Dance Group beginning at 8 p.m. (732) 245-7459.

THURSDAY, MAY 27

SHORT HILLS — The East Orange Golf Course presents jazz singer Jackie Jones beginning at 5:30 p.m. (973) 676-1075.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

NEWARK — The Fashion Dome presents "The Dome After Dark" International Fashion Show at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) beginning at 7 p.m. (973) 242-0444.

Ving Rhames stars in Fox movie 'Entrapment'

LOS ANGELES — Robert "Mac" MacDougal (Sean Connery) has an untarnished reputation as the world's greatest art thief. So when a priceless Rembrandt is stolen in New York, the evidence points to Mac. Insurance investigator Virginia "Gin" Baker (Catherine Zeta-Jones) persuades her boss, whose company will lose \$24 million on the theft, to let her go after the master criminal.

The strong-willed and resourceful Gin has a plan to entrap Mac, but he proves even more elusive and crafty than she expected. While engaging in an electric pas de deux of wits and attraction, Mac and Gin form an odd partnership that takes them from London, via the West-



Ving Rhames

ern Isles of Scotland, to Kuala Lumpur, the high-tech capital of Malaysia. Together they come up with a daring plan for a multi-billion dollar heist tied to the dawn of a new millennium.

Ving Rhames received a Golden Globe Award for his stellar performance as fight promoter Don King in HBO's "Don King: Only in America." He also starred in "Out of Sight," opposite George Clooney, and in the action-thriller "Con Air." Prior to that, he starred as a doctor-turned-reluctant-savior in "Rosewood," directed by John Singleton, and as a South African drug lord in "Dangerous Ground," opposite Ice Cube and Elizabeth Hurley.

Rhames first gained prominence as the shadowy drug dealer Marcellus Wall Quentin Tarantino's critically lauded "Poip Fiction." He subsequently starred in "Mission Impossible" as a non-sense computer whiz and then as the bouncer/confidant to Demi Moore's character in "Striptease."

Born in Harlem, Rhames attended New York High School of the Performing Arts, the only student from his junior high to be accepted into the prestigious school went on to graduate from the Juilliard School of Drama in 1983. His classical training led him to perform many works by Shakespeare, Ibsen, Moliere and Chekhov. He appeared on Broadway in "The Boys of Winter," and off-Broadway in "Map of the World," "Short Eyes," "Richard III" and "Ascension Day." He also starred in "Ajax," directed by Peter Sellers, and "The Road," directed by Wole Soyinka at Chicago's Goodman Theater.

Rhames' diverse film credits include "Homicide," "Dave," "The Saint of Washington" and "Drop Squad."

He is currently in production on "Mission: Impossible 2," again starring opposite Tom Cruise. John Woo directs the new installment.

Shanice brings soul back to stage

ATLANTA — It is said that experience is the best teacher, and listening to Shanice Wilson talk about her career since the



Shanice

hit single, "I Love Your Smile," established her in the public consciousness, there's no doubt that she's been living and learning.

"People may think of me as this bubbly young girl from Los Angeles, but I've been through a lot in the last few years. I moved away from home. In my personal life I went through a serious relationship and I experienced a real heartbreak. I've gotten more involved in every area of decision-making in my career. When I was younger, all I did was sing; now I'm more involved with writing the material I record. I guess you could say that there's been a lot of growth and maturity."

The sum total of all that Shanice has been through is reflected in her hit-filled, self-titled debut on LaFace Records, which features production by Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds, Damon Thomas, London Jones, Darren "Nitro" Clovers, Waryn

"Smiley" Campbell, Rashad Coes, Jamey Jaz and others. The soulful power in her voice is stronger than ever but this time around, she's singing about relationships and real life. "I'm talking about things I've been through. Take the song 'Yesterday' — that's a ballad I co-wrote with Jamey Jaz that deals with me thinking about all the things my ex-boyfriend said when he left. In the song, I turned it around because it's about me being the one who's leaving because my feelings have changed." The first single, "When I Close My Eyes" produced by Waryn Campbell is a powerful midtempo track that carries Shanice's strong emotional vocals. It's a feel good song about someone happy in love — "When I close my eyes, I break down and cry, it's something 'bout the way you love me. When I kiss your lips, my heart can't resist, it's something 'bout the way you love me."

Aware that a number of new female vocalists have emerged since her last album release, Shanice is confident without being cocky. "I've watched all these other young women — Monica, Brandy, Faith and others blow up and I love it! I listen to all of them and I know it's competitive out here, but there really is room for everyone. I've never been in this business to out do anyone. It's real simple: I just love to sing!"

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The project consists of four similarly designed commercial housing wings to be bid in the following sequence: C/F-7 (Housing Unit #1) May 18, 1999 at 10:00 A.M.; C/F (Housing Unit #4) May 19, 1999 at 10:00 A.M.; C/F-7 (Housing Unit #2) May 20, 1999 at 10:00 A.M.; and C/F-8 (Housing Unit #3) May 21, 1999 at 10:00 A.M. The Essex County Improvement Authority Construction portion entails constructing foundation grade beams, a four (4) story reinforced / precast concrete superstructure and applicant finish trades. The work does not include Plumbing, Electrical, Sewer, or Mechanical trades.

All interested subcontractors and/or material suppliers who are certified (by a certifying agency in New Jersey) as a bona fide Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) or Women Business Enterprise (WBE) by the State of New Jersey are invited to provide proposals to Sea Crest Construction for their specialty trades (on the above referenced project). Local Business Enterprises (LBE), which are defined as businesses controlled and owned by persons within the City of Newark and Essex County areas are also invited to provide bid proposals.

If interested, please fax the name, address, personnel contact, and interest trade specialty, and phone number of your firm to Laura McPherson of Sea Crest Construction at (908) 242-1232 for further details. We shall contact your firm and provide your fax.

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LEGAL NOTICE

WOODBRIIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed Bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge (hereinafter called the Authority), in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, at the County Clerk's Office of the Authority, located at 20 Bunnell Lane, on Friday, April 30, 1999 at 11:30 A.M. prevailing time. All Bids that be delivered by hand. All Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at that time. The Authority reserves the right to waive any irregularities in bids and to accept any and all bids if it is in the best interest of the Authority to do so.

Sealed bids for: Exterior Door Replacement W/O

A pre-bid conference will be held at the maintenance garage located at 20 Bunnell Lane, Woodbridge, NJ on Friday, April 23, 1999 at 10:00 P.M.

Bids must be accompanied by a guarantee in the amount of 5% of the bid in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond.

Bids must be accompanied by consent of surety regardless of whether a check or Bid Bond is submitted. The Authority will be required to submit an acceptable Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bond All Bonds and consents of Surety must be witnessed by Surety Companies listed in the most recent Circular, No. 570, United States Department of the Treasury.

The Contract Documents are on file and may be reviewed at the Administrative Office of the Authority. Copies of the Contract Documents may also be obtained. The bid price is determined by check or bank draft in the amount of \$50.00 payable to the Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge for each bid. Payment for Documents is non-refundable. Documents will not be mailed.

Bidders shall have a minimum of 3 years experience of successful completion of similar work as this project requires.

Bidders must be authorized to do business in New Jersey. Any Bidder which is a corporation not chartered under the laws of the State of New Jersey must submit an affidavit certifying that said corporation has been duly organized and is in good standing in New Jersey.

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS HUD SECTION 5(H) HOMEOWNERSHIP PLAN

RFP #99-P1416/1

The Housing Authority of the City of Newark is interested in engaging a consulting firm(s)/agency(ies) to assist the Authority in development and implementing two (2) HUD Section 5(H) Homeownership Plans. The first plan is for HUD-5, Mount Pleasant Village. The housing project consists of forty-two (42) townhouses located in the North Ward of Newark, New Jersey. It is

composed of forty (40) 3 bedroom units and two (2) 2 bedroom units and currently 90% occupied. The second plan is for the new residential site located in the North Ward of Newark. The Authority intends to make available a "rent to own" program for the new townhouse sites currently under construction.

The Housing Authority of the City of Newark is requesting a qualification package from consulting firms to demonstrate their knowledge of the HUD Section 5(H) Homeownership Program as well as a detailed description of all successful homeownership program work it performed over the last five (5) years. Interested firms are also requested to provide their hourly fee structure.

Closing date for submission of qualifications is Wednesday, May 5, 1999 by 4:00pm. All packages must be clearly marked and returned in TRIPlicate to the following:

89-P1416/1, QUALIFICATION PACKAGE, SECTION 5(H) HOMEOWNERSHIP PLAN
Joan M. Martinez, Contracting Officer
The Housing Authority of the City of Newark
355 Sussex Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07103

The qualifications submitted shall in no way be considered as competitive bids or proposals, each shall be evaluated on its own individual merits. The Housing Authority of the City of Newark reserves the right to reject, accept, or request modification of a qualification package submitted in response to the request as well as the right to accept or reject any submissions on the basis of feasibility or suitability regarding the program.

Selected consulting firm(s) shall be invited to attend an informational conference at the Authority's main office located at 355 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103. The Housing Authority will discuss the scope of work and submission requirements at this conference.

Please contact Jose Martinez, Contracting Officer, at (973) 430-2356 with any questions regarding this request.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK ROBERT GRAMM ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NJ TRANSIT

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT) is conducting public hearings in order to gather information and receive comments from interested parties concerning programs developed pursuant to the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act (SCDRTA). A hearing will be held at each geographic region in accordance with Section of P.L. 1988 c. 276 at 6:00 P.M. Each hearing will have an afternoon and evening session. The locations are Somerville, Atlantic City and Jersey City, New Jersey in accordance with the statute.

The Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program funds capital, operating and/or administrative expenses for locally coordinated paratransit services for senior citizens and people with disabilities. The program also funds access to public transit for NJ TRANSIT's fixed route bus and rail system; the provision of technical assistance to the counties and the administration of the statewide program. The hearings will also provide an update on NJ TRANSIT's progress in implementing its "Americans with Disabilities Act" accessibility improvements including Access Link, paratransit and key rail stations. All materials to be reviewed at these hearings are available in accessible formats upon request. Individuals requesting sign language interpreters should contact Albert R. Hestonick, III at (973) 481-7122 no later than five (5) business days prior to the public hearing or an interpreter will not be available for the particular hearing.

The public is invited to these hearings at which time they will have a full opportunity to express their views. In order to assure that all members of the public are given an opportunity to be heard, initial presentations will be limited to five (5) minutes. If you are unable to attend any of the hearings, written comments for the record may be sent to: Albert R. Hestonick, III, New Jersey Transit Corporation, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, New Jersey 07102-2246 by May 7, 1999 in accordance with the above statute, public hearings will be held as follows:

CENTRAL REGION:

Place: Somerset County Office
Assembly Training Room
40 N. Bridgeville Road
Somerville, NJ 08876

DATE: April 27, 1999, Tuesday

TIME: 2:00 pm - Conclusion (Afternoon Session)

and 6:00 pm - Conclusion (Evening Session)

SOUTHERN REGION:

Place: Atlantic County Office Building
Auditorium
4330 Atlantic Avenue
Atlantic City, NJ 08401

DATE: April 28, 1999

TIME: 2:00 pm - Conclusion (Afternoon Session)

and 6:00 pm - Conclusion (Evening Session)

NORTHERN REGION:

Place: Hudson County Administration Annex Bldg
Inlandbrook Meeting Room, 4th Fl.
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CONSULTANT

The Housing Authority of the City of Salem is seeking proposals from Consultants for the preparation of grant applications for the Public Housing Drug Elimination Program, Economic Development and Welfare To Work Programs.

Submittals will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

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1. Professional and Technical Experience	30
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Proposals must be submitted to the address below and must be received no later than Thursday, April 28, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. The Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informality in any bids or bids to reject any and all bids, and to accept such bid or bids and make such award as may be in the best interest of the Authority. The Housing Authority is a Drug Free Workplace and an EOE.

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Local Briefs

Menendez furious about New Jersey State Police racial profiling report

WASHINGTON — Rep. Bob Menendez (D-13th), who last week introduced legislation that would require a national study on racial profiling, issued the following statement concerning New Jersey's report released on the issue: "I am both very saddened and angry about the findings in the report released today on racial profiling by the New Jersey State Police. I had no reason to doubt that this practice was 'real, not imagined' based on the reports and personal accounts that I have heard. But to have the state's top law enforcement official confirm this practice is indeed very disturbing. I only regret that it took so long for New Jersey to acknowledge what African Americans and persons of Hispanic descent have known for years."

Monmouth County Housing Agency opens assistance waiting list

FREEHOLD — The Board of Chosen Freeholders announced that the Monmouth County Division of Social Services Housing Agency has opened the waiting list for Federal Section 8 Rental Assistance, and is accepting additional preliminary applications for low income families, senior citizens, disabled and handicapped persons through April 30, 1999. Applications are available at the Freehold Human Services Bldg., Korfel Rd., 431-6000, Neptune, 1900 Corlies Ave., 582-5800, and Atlantic Highlands, 95-97 First Avenue, 872-3200.

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Plainfield police ready for crime prevention

PLAINFIELD — Mayor Al McWilliams announced a zero-tolerance for crime program during the swearing-in of New Jersey's first Hispanic chief of police, Edward G. Santiago on April 13. "We need to increase security presence and improve police response times, we need to enlist the community to help make Plainfield a very inhospitable marketplace to come to for drugs, and we need to make better use of our resources in where the City's public and rental housing are concerned," stated Mayor McWilliams.

In a joint effort to implement Mayor McWilliams plan Chief Santiago stepped in to lead the "rebirth of the Plainfield community." The Puerto Rican native joined the Plainfield Police Division in 1975, serving as a police officer and detective through 1985. He quickly moved through the ranks in just four years. Chief Santiago replaced Chief Driscoll after he announced his retirement on March 1, 1999.

The day after Chief Santiago's ceremony eight other officers were promoted at Plainfield City Hall on Wednesday, April 14. The promotions were as follows: Ruth Selzan and Siddeeq El-Amin to Captain; Michael Gilliam and Gregory Turner to Lieutenant; and Sharon E. Smith, Richard W. Urbanski, Lisa Robinson, and Steven A. Francisco to Sergeant.

Selzman will be Plainfield's first female Captain, and Smith and Robinson the City's first female African-American supervisors, according to Public Safety Director Mike Latimore.

Don't hire criminals for Elizabeth schools, Board of Ed running mates say

ELIZABETH — Calling for an end to a potentially disastrous situation which needlessly puts Elizabeth school children at risk, Julio Sabater, Carolyn Cole-Sabur, Ed Palmieri and JoAnn Martinho joined with Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich in calling for mandatory criminal background checks for all school employees.

"We were outraged to learn that the leadership of the Elizabeth School Board has bypassing a New Jersey mandate that requires a criminal background check before a new employee is allowed to work alongside our children in public schools," stated Palmieri. "Unbelievably, in the last year alone over 300 people have been hired this way."

"Now, it has been brought to our attention that Board of Education had to terminate a locker room attendant after working for four months due to a criminal background check disqualification. Fortunately, for our children, we have not yet had any tragic incidents," Palmieri continued.

A review of the agenda of the Elizabeth Board of Education meetings revealed that since September, 1998, 353 people have been hired under "emergency" resolution. Dozens of liaisons, security guards, teachers and substitutes have been used. "Every time President Fajardo

hires a school employee without waiting for the State to conduct its criminal background check they put our children at risk. Our plan will put an end to criminals working side by side with our children," said Martinho.

Sheriff Froehlich stated, "This issue was brought to my attention by School Board member Carolyn Cole-Sabur and her running mates Julio Sabater, Ed Palmieri and JoAnn Martinho. We all agreed that under no circumstances should the Board of Education hire anyone to work in Elizabeth's public schools without a complete criminal background check."

Cole-Sabur outlined a new safety initiative, which would involve the Sheriff's office in the event of a real hiring emergency at the School Board. "Working in partnership with Sheriff Froehlich and the Elizabeth Police Department, the Sheriff's office will assist in a vigorous preliminary background check before any new school employee starts work. This stop gap measure will be implemented to supplement the State's criminal background review. It's hard to believe a true emergency existed for over 300 hires who interact with our children daily."

"It is better to be safe than sorry," said Sabater. "Our partnership with the Sheriff is just part of our overall plan for making our schools safer."



Plainfield Police Sgt. Michael Gilliam is promoted to lieutenant

City News Sports

Will Darryl's problems really be the last straw?

By Gregory Moore
Contributing Writer

If life were a baseball game, then Darryl Strawberry would have the smallest strike zone in the game. Considering all of Strawberry's missteps over the course of his career, it seems as if he should have been called out on strikes some time ago.

For years, Strawberry has stood in the batter's box with two strikes against him but has miraculously avoided striking out. Despite taking pitch after pitch, knee high, right down the pike, Darryl was still standing. After battling substance abuse problems, Strawberry was still standing. Tax evasion felony conviction, no problem. Assorted domestic violence allegations asserted by his first wife, he survived that too. Even after being bounced out of major league baseball for a brief stint with the San Francisco Giants and down to the minors, Strawberry managed to claw his way back into the major leagues, eventually becoming an integral member of the world champion 1998 New York Yankees. Last year, it appeared that life threw Straw the ultimate nasty curve ball when he was diagnosed with cancer. Yet recently, it seems as if Darryl has also managed to fend off that dread disease.

Two weeks ago, life may have finally delivered that illusive third strike when Strawberry was arrested for drug possession and soliciting a prostitute in Tampa, Florida. If the allegations are proven true, Strawberry's fate will rest largely in the hands of Yankee owner

George Steinbrenner, a man known more for his short fuse than for an unlimited reservoir of patience. If Strawberry is not exonerated, and in light of Steinbrenner's temperament, the verdict is pretty much a fait accompli, i.e., Darryl's days in Yankee pinstripes will be over.

The tragedy here has less to do with the game of baseball as it does with the game of life. Although Strawberry's athletic skills were clearly in decline, by all accounts, Strawberry emerged as a leader in the Yankee clubhouse, and was well on his way to salvaging a reputation which had previously been badly sullied in the aftermath of Strawberry's most recent misstep, in many respects Darryl is back at square one, once again forced to rehabilitate not only his health but his reputation. And to the extent that the many jaded fans in the metropolitan area had previously and unthinkingly been pulling for him to overcome his demons, Strawberry will no longer be viewed as a inspirational illustration of resilience and resolve.

For now however, instead of worrying too much about the state of Strawberry's baseball career, let's hope last week's revelation, if true, affords Darryl the opportunity to be truly introspective about critical life issues which loom much larger than any questions concerning his future with the New York Yankees. Let's also hope that Strawberry has one more comeback left in him.

Youth capture bank robber

PLAINFIELD — On April 20, 1999 at approximately 11:26 a.m. the Plainfield police received a bank alarm for United National Bank located at 202 Park Ave., Plainfield. Four teenagers were in pursuit 53-year-old Kenneth Lewis Harris when the police arrived.

The youth held Harris at the 100 block of West 2nd street until the patrol units were able to arrest him. According to Plainfield resident Dominica Rodriguez, Harris



Plainfield police bring a robbery victim to the headquarters

approached the bank teller with a mask and told her he would shoot her if she didn't give him the money. Rodriguez, who was in the bank with her four-year-old son Alex said she was terrified because she was not able to do anything.

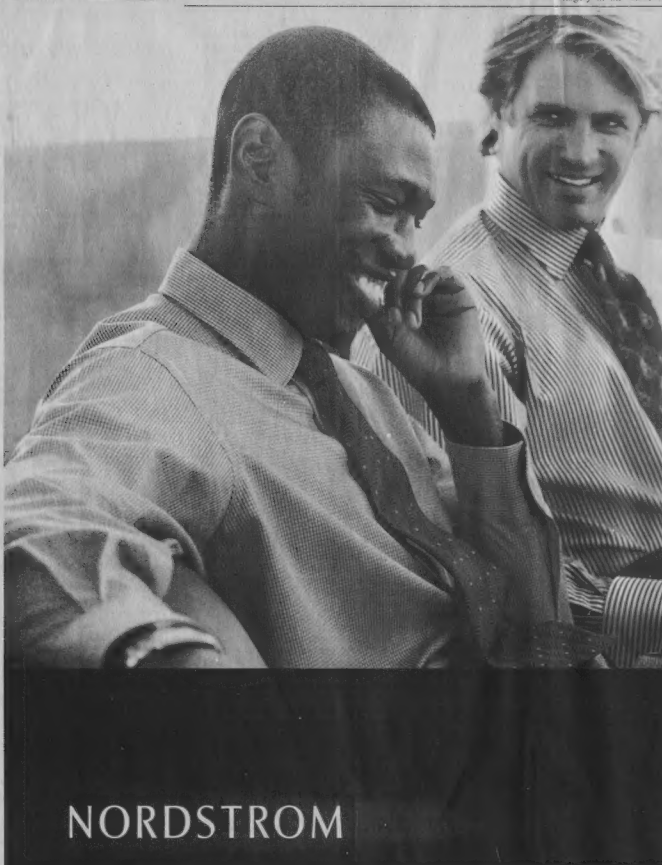
Harris was able to escape the bank with \$4,200 which was recovered at the time of the arrest. The weapon which most of the bank customers believed to be a gun located under Harris's jacket turned out to be an umbrella.

Harris is charged with robbery first degree and temporarily being held at the Plainfield municipal jail. The four heroic youth will be honored at the Plainfield Council Meeting on May 3, at 8:00 p.m.

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